

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 956 - SB 1616

May 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that vaccinations administered to children eight years or younger be free of mercury, unless the Commissioner of Health exempts certain vaccines from this law upon providing proof of a pending outbreak requiring public vaccination when no sufficient supply of “trace only” or Thimerosal-free vaccine exists. Insurance providers that offer coverage of vaccinations would be required to cover Thimerosal-free “trace only” vaccines at the same percentage rate of charges as vaccines that contain Thimerosal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 28, 2005 we issued a fiscal note which indicated *a minimal fiscal impact*. Based on additional information provided by the Bureau of TennCare and the Department of Health, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

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Increase State Expenditures - \$360,000

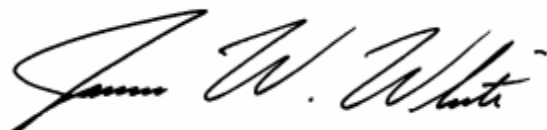
Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$640,000

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health is currently providing Thimerosal-free or “trace only” vaccine to children 8 or younger.
- The Department of Health provides vaccinations and immunizations to children who are enrolled in the TennCare program.
- According to the Department of Health, there is currently only one influenza vaccine that is Thimerosal-free that can be provided to children under the age of five. This vaccine is not covered by the federal government under the Vaccine for Children Program.
- The Bureau of TennCare would have an increase in state and federal expenditures to provide influenza vaccinations to the children that are currently receiving such from the Department of Health.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance would enforce this bill upon receiving complaints that it is being violated which would not significantly impact the existing programs of the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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